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1. The East Zone of Germany grain crop of 1953 was one-fifth under normal.
2. Grain allotments to the milling industry of the first quarter of 1954 were sharply limited.
3. Since the beginning of February 1954 grain shipments from the Soviet Union have gone up sharply. (From September 1953 to January 1954, about 30,000 tons; in February 1954 about 85,000 tons.)
4. The potato crop of 1953 was also a quarter below normal, and by March 1954 supplies of potatoes and fodder had reached the critical stage. As a result, the planned increase in animals did not take place.
5. In February 1954 Foreign Commerce Minister Greger went to Moscow to seek additional shipments of fodder grains, meat and butter.

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